

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A resin composition devoid of lead and lead alloys for sliding member, comprising 5 to 30% weight of barium sulfate, 1 to 15% by weight of magnesium silicate, 1 to 25% by weight of a ~~phosphate~~ metal salt of metaphosphoric acid, and the balance of a tetrafluoroethylene resin.
2. (original) A resin composition for sliding member according to claim 1, further comprising 0.1 to 2% by weight of a solid lubricant as an additional component.
3. (previously presented) A resin composition for sliding member according to claim 1, further comprising 0.1 to 10% by weight of an inorganic filler as an additional component.
4. (original) A resin composition for sliding member according to claim 3, wherein said inorganic filler is at least one material selected from the group consisting of a potassium titanate powder, potassium titanate fibers, wollastonite, alumina, silicon carbide and iron oxide.
5. (canceled).
6. (previously presented) A sliding member comprising a steel back plate and a porous sintered metal layer formed on the steel back plate, wherein pores and surface of the porous sintered metal layer are respectively filled and coated with the resin composition for sliding member as defined in claim 1.
7. (currently amended) A resin composition devoid of lead and lead alloys for sliding member, comprising 5 to 30% weight of barium sulfate, 1 to 15% by weight of magnesium silicate, 1 to 25% by weight of a ~~phosphate~~ metal salt of metaphosphoric acid, and 1 to 10% by weight of a low-molecular weight tetrafluoroethylene resin.

8. (previously presented) A sliding member comprising a steel back plate and a porous sintered metal layer formed on the steel back plate, wherein pores and surface of the porous sintered metal layer are respectively filled and coated with the resin composition for sliding member as defined in claim 7.